Enhancing Africa Green Economy through Eco Geographical Indication for Coffee (Uganda)

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Presentation Overview

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Who is NUCAFE?

- National Union of Coffee Agribusinesses and Farm Enterprises (NUCAFE)
- A member based organization and promoter of farmer ownership model for coffee value chain development.
- NUCAFE was founded in 1995, currently has a total membership of 212 farmer Associations (250,000 farming families accounting for over 1,500,000 small holder coffee farmers)
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Triple Certification Project Area

- Bukonzo Organic Coop
- Bukonzo Joint Coop
- Kateebwa Coop
- Bukonzo Progressive
- Karangura Coop
- Kabonero Coop
- Bukabughendera Coop
Project Objectives

• To generate sustainable wealth creation for improved livelihoods and poverty alleviation in rural areas through green economy and sustainable consumption promotion in Africa.

• To promote the highly valued Mt. Rwenzori Arabica Coffee production based on Triple certification and Market demand.
TARGETS

• Train and register 21,000 farmers for GI, FT and ECO.

• Build technical expertise for improved coffee production.

• Enhance decision making and gender equity in Farming households.

• Increase farmer incomes by at least 35%.

• To increase Coffee exports of Mt Rwenzori origin by at least 20%.
Triple Certification For Sustainability

• Coffee production in the Rwenzori region aims at meeting global Coffee demand without compromising the ability of the Ecosystem to produce sufficient food for the community as well as ensuring that future generations meet their own needs.

• Coffee certifications and labels inform consumers about the farming practices used to produce Mt. Rwenzori Coffee. The incentive to the producer being better market access and Price.
Activities 1: Farmer Training

From 7,000 farmers we now have 9,460 farmers registered and trained (51.5% Female, 14.8% youth) expected to grow to over 12,500 with new farmers expressing interest.

- Sustainable Coffee Farm Management under Triple certification Model
- Implementing IPM, CC mitigation Strategies
- Recycling farm wastes and coffee value addition.
Activities 2: Pest & Disease Study

- Specific Protocol design; 6 altitudinal gradient
  Monitored (30 Farms) for CLR, CBB, BCTB, WSB.
- Weather (microclimate) data collection (hourly)
- Epidemic risk evaluation, CC adaptation mitigation Strategy & IPM design.
Activities 3: Quality Characterisation
Activity 4: Digital Traceability & Development of Market Opportunities

PROMOTION OF MT. RWENZORI COFFEE AT AFCA2019 IN KIGALI

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Achievements

• 36 Jobs Created directly & over 320 indirectly
• Three micro-washing stations constructed
• Wet processing technology transferred
• For resource efficiency & Waste mgt skills
Achievements

- Improved Quality Scores 84.5%
- Better coffee prices due to value addition by over 35.7%
- Increased Export Volumes of Value added Coffee 208% (76.8 to 237Tons)

Comparison of Export Volumes/Prices since EAGETEGIC
Solar Power for Processing
SCP promotion

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Challenges

• Often coffee collection centers and farms accessible only by foot, long treks of over 3 hours.

• New concepts (Triple certification model) that called for change of perception and adoption of practices.

• Competition posed by the Middlemen, a great temptation for farmers to lose ownership of coffee before value addition.
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